SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 as follows:

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/414,527, Attorney Docket No. CR00257M, filed [[12/29/00]] December 29, 2000."

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 30 as follows:

"Although known methods for timing recovery in OFDM systems are adequate and beneficial in many situations, they present several shortcomings. In a method proposed by Jan-Jaap van de Beek *et al.*, "ML Estimation of Time and Frequency Offset In OFDM Systems", IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 45, no. 7, July 1997 (hereinafter "Jan-Jaap van de [[Beek "]] Beek"), the cyclic extension is used to identify the best sampling position. FIG. 1 is a conceptual illustration of the Jan-Jaap van de Beek method of timing recovery. As shown, the method combines consecutive correlation values together or the length of the cyclic extension."